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SUBJECT COMPLIANCE WITH US AUTO EMISSION STANDARDS - EPA AUDITS  
IN FRANCE

1. SHUTLER AND JACKSON OF EPA OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT AND NEWMARK,  
AIR RESOURCES BOARD CALIFORNIA, AND SCICON MET JANUARY 24 WITH  
FONOFF, OTHER GOF, UTAC, AND FRENCH AUTO MANUFACTURING REPS  
TO DISCUSS EPA INSPECTIONS OF FRENCH AUTO MAKERS PER REFS. MAJOR  
THRUST OF FRENCH PARTICIPANTS DURING MORNING SESSION WAS TO PROPOSE  
THAT UTAC (UNION TECHNIQUE D'AUTOMOBILE DU CYCLE ET DU MOTOCYLE)  
ACT AS EPA AGENT IN CONDUCTING CERTIFICATION TESTING AND INSPECTION.  
2. UTAC IS AN INDEPENDENT FRENCH TESTING LABORATORY CHARGED BY  
FRENCH GOVERNMENT WITH EXAMINING VEHICLES FOR ADHERENCE TO SAFETY,  
NOISE AND ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION SPECIFICATIONS. ACCORDING TO ITS  
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR IT HAS, AT VARIOUS TIMES, BEEN DELEGATED AUTHORITY  
BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, BY THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER COUNTRIES  
TO PERFORM COMPLIANCE - PERFORMANCE TESTS.

3. EPA NOTED THAT UTAC INVOLVEMENT IN CERTIFICATION TESTING IS  
DEPENDENT ON DEVELOPMENT OF CERTIFIED LAB PROGRAM VIA FEDERAL  
REGULATIONS. UTAC PARTICIPATION IN CERTIFICATION INSPECTION ACTIVITIES  
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OTHERWISE POSSIBLE AS SUPPLEMENT TO, BUT NOT AS SUBSTITUTE FOR. EPA INSPECTION EPA AND UTAC AGREED THAT UTAC INVOLVEMENT IN INSPECTION ACTIVITIES OTHER POSSIBLE AS SUPPLEMENT TO, BUT NOT AS SUBSTITUTE FOR, EPA

INSPECTION. EPA AND UTAC AGREED THAT UTAC INVOLVEMENT IN INSPECTION ACTIVITIES MAY EVOLVE OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. AS FIRST STEP UTAC REPRESENTATIVES WILL ACCOMPANY EPA INSPECTORS ON MANUFACTURER VISITS, BEGINNING 1/28/74. UTAC ACCOMPANIMENT IS FOR PURPOSES OF ASCERTAINING MORE PRECISELY NATURE OF EPA TEAM ACTIVITY WHEN CONDUCTING INSPECTIONS

AND FOR EXCHANGE OF IDEAS BETWEEN EPA AND UTAC REPRESENTATIVES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE UTAC PARTICIPATION. EARLIER IMPRESSIONS THAT GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE WOULD OBJECT TO EPA INSPECTION ACTIVITIES FAILED TO MATERIALIZE. STONE

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